

Yamashita Blames Subordinates For Japanese Atrocities In Philippines

By DEAN SCHEDLER
MANILA, Nov. 30 (AP) — Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita told his trial court today that he not only never authorized his subordinates to commit atrocities in the Philippines, but "if the present situation will permit, I will punish them to the fullest extent of military law."

His declaration was made in a 45-minute address to the U. S. military commission trying him on war-crimes charges. He added that he had inferior troops who badly needed training and discipline—under pressure of attack by superior American forces, he had no time to administer.

Earlier he had denied ever stating that he refused to declare Manila an open city because it would be a dishonor to Japanese arms.

Retains Pose
The erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya," retaining his pose despite relentless cross-examination, emphatically denied having made such a statement to Jose Laurel, puppet president of the Philippines.

Prosecution witnesses have testified that mass rape and other horrors were committed by Japanese troops last February in the battle for Manila.

In contrast with the conduct of the Nipponese, General MacArthur had declared the Philippine capital an open city when the enemy attacked the outnumbered American and Filipino defenders in December, 1941.

Yamashita previously testified in his own behalf that he could have taken such action only if ordered by the imperial command in Tokyo through the supreme southern command.

Denies Order
Earlier today, Yamashita denied that he had received an order from Field Marshal Count Terauchi, supreme southern commander, to hold Manila, its airfields and its sea frontiers at all costs, and, upon relinquishing the city, to destroy them completely.

Maj. Robert Kerr, the prosecutor, said a Japanese liaison committee had furnished him such information. It had been established that communications were open and Yamashita fairly consistently was in contact with Terauchi.

Although Yamashita did say it was difficult to destroy an airfield, he did not shoulder off the impact of the question.

Park, Power Issue Looms

SALEM, Nov. 30 (AP) — Salem prepared today for its third bitter campaign on the park and public power issue in two years, as the city's election of last June 22 was declared invalid by City Attorney Lawrence Brown on grounds it was not advertised.

In that election, the city voted to buy 47 acres of bush pasture for use as a city park, and denied the Salem Electric Cooperative a franchise to operate in the city. The margins in both contests were narrow. A year before that, the voters had defeated both proposals by narrow margins.

The city had planned to sell the bonds for buying the park next Monday night.

There are proposals to vote again on the two issues at the January 11 special election, which was called to elect a congressman from the first district. Another issue which might be placed on that ballot is whether the city should have parking meters.

APPOINTED JUSTICE
SALEM, Nov. 30 (AP) — W. B. Galligan, Redmond, was appointed by Governor Earl Snell today as justice of the peace for district 2, Deschutes county. He succeeds Jay Shively, resigned.



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News Notes and Comment

By JOAN O'NEILL

The student committee of the Teen-age club and the adult advisory committee met Thursday to talk over the affairs of the Teen-age club. Rules of conduct were set up for the members of the club. Rules areas follows: No drinking, smoking, or gambling allowed in or directly outside the club. No one who has been drinking before entering the club will be allowed to enter; no roughness permitted; no one shall damage any furniture or facilities intentionally; no one unless properly authorized shall tamper with the juke box in any way. Lights are under the control of student committee members and chaperones in charge.



Joan O'Neill

Besides these rules certain courtesy rules were passed. Coke bottles are to be returned to the bar and paper and trash thrown in the wastebaskets. Teen-agers are asked to cooperate with the chaperones.

And Incidentally
Mr. Deller, history teacher and track coach, left yesterday to attend a State Athletic association meeting.

The El Rodeo has postponed picture taking until during the Christmas vacation and after when about 24 pictures of juniors and seniors will be taken a day.

Alyce Wells and Bud Selby sang for the Rotary club today.

Merrill Grange Elects Officers

MERRILL—Election of officers was the feature of the regular meeting of the Merrill grange, November 28.

New officers are worthy master, G. Y. Hoggland; overseer, E. E. Kilpatrick; lecturer, Iva Kilpatrick; steward, J. W. Reeder; assistant steward, R. J. Petrick; chaplain, Dr. Ferguson; treasurer, Louisa Icenbice; secretary, Lillian Thomson; gate keeper, J. L. Pope; Ceres, Mary Pope; Pomona, Nellie Haskins; Flora, Bessie Aubrey; lady assistant steward, Dovey Reeder, and the new member on the executive committee, Ray Aubrey.

Installation of officers will be held in the Merrill grange hall, Monday, December 10. Malin and Tulalake grangers are invited to hold joint installation with Merrill.

National grange will be held in Portland, November, 1946, it was announced.

Grange conference will be held in Altamont school, December 7. All members are invited, and officers are urged to be present. The meeting will open at 2 p. m., and dinner will be served at 6 p. m.

The attention of all Merrill members is called to the fact that the next meeting will be held December 10 instead of December 24.

Portland's Traffic Toll Stands At 61

PORTLAND, Nov. 30 (AP)—Portland's 1945 traffic toll stood at 61 today.

Martin Anderson, a transient struck by an automobile November 22, died last yesterday in a hospital.

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PTA Notes

County Council

The next meeting of the Klamath County Council of PTA will be held January 7. The president, Mrs. Ivan Crumpacker, urges: "Please remember a Victory Bond in every Christmas stocking. Make this Christmas a merrier one."

Riverside

The annual Christmas party given by Riverside children and to which all parents and friends are invited, has been scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, December 21, it was announced by Principal Darrell Potter. All rooms in the building will take part and later there will be distribution of treats to the youngsters.

Mills

It has been the custom for several years for the Mills PTA to furnish Christmas treats for all the children in the school. This will be done again this year and all room mothers are asked to contact their teachers to make arrangements for the parties. Those wanting further information may call the hospitality chairman, Mrs. J. K. Calder, 5533.

The total for the last stamp sale was \$650.80, which brings the total for the year to \$3730.10.

Blind Couple Hurt When Hit By Auto

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30 (AP)—Blind Raymond M. Leahy, 55, and his blind wife, Marguerite, 47, were struck by a car last night as they tapped their way across an intersection.

Both were taken to a hospital with head lacerations. The blind husband also suffered a broken leg.

The driver was charged with failing to yield right of way to pedestrians.

Taylor Selected To Serve As Basin Traffic Manager

Traffic Manager



Paul D. Taylor (above) has been selected as the traffic manager of the new Klamath Basin Rates bureau with headquarters in Klamath Falls.

Test Borings Near End At Tongue Point

ASTORIA, Nov. 30 (AP)—Test borings for Tongue Point dredging work—needed to berth the 507 ships to be stored at Astoria—will be completed here soon.

The navy has allocated \$6,000,000 for construction of docks and other facilities for the reserve fleet.

The opening of the Klamath basin rates bureau to serve the shippers of this community has been announced by George P. Davis, chairman of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

Paul D. Taylor has been selected to act as traffic manager of the new bureau and is arranging offices in the chamber of commerce. Taylor is a registered practitioner before the interstate commerce commission, and has actively participated in many important cases including the general adjustment of freight rates east of the Rocky mountains, the uniform classification case, and other cases affecting rate adjustments over a large territory.

Experienced
He has served in a similar capacity with the Casper shipper bureau in Wyoming and the joint traffic bureau of the La Crosse, Wis., and the Winona, Minn., chambers of commerce, and practiced before the state commissions of Colorado, Wyoming, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

It is requested that shippers bring their rate problems to Taylor so that an analysis of the situation may be made and such action taken as the rates committee of the chamber of commerce may direct.

Taylor has an extensive library on general transportation matters, and decisions of the ICC and will add such publications as are essential to handling the problems of this community and the Midland empire.

Two Men Face Petty Larceny Charges

Temporary charges of petty larceny were filed in the district attorney's office yesterday against Robinson Adams and Vernon Silva in connection with the theft of a bag of tools from the Southern Pacific company yards Wednesday night.

The tools were valued at about \$38 by SP officials. Adams told city police he found the tools but has admitted selling them. Silva says Adams gave him the canvas bag and he sold it.

The property has been recovered by police. Adams, a railway employee, was picked up by police at his room in the Holly hotel. Silva is in the county jail.

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